

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2004. No claims are amended, canceled or added. Thus, claims 1-29 remain pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-29 were allowed.

Priority

Applicant respectfully traverses the assertion that this application has the same original claims as application 09/854,540. The authority recited in the Office Action refer to properly claiming the benefits of an earlier filed application. No authority was provided for having to claim priority. Applicant is not aware of a law or regulation which requires this application to claim priority to application 09/854,540. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this requirement or, if the requirement is maintained, authority for this requirement.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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